



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"

900 SOUTH FREMONT AVENUE
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91803-1331
Telephone: (626) 458-5100
<http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

GAIL FARBER, Director

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
P.O. BOX 1460
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

January 10, 2012

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

34 January 10, 2012

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**USE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
LOS ANGELES RIVER - PARCELS 276, ET AL.
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a Use Agreement for public recreational purposes between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the City of Los Angeles along portions of the Los Angeles River.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Find that the 25-year Use Agreement between the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and the City of Los Angeles for public recreational purposes along the Los Angeles River, Parcels 276, et al., in the City of Los Angeles, will not interfere or be inconsistent with the primary use and purposes of the property and adjacent facilities of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, or her designee, to sign the Use Agreement and authorize delivery to the City of Los Angeles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from your Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), to approve a Use Agreement between the LACFCD and the City of Los Angeles (City) for public recreational purposes along portions of the Los Angeles River, Parcels 276, et al., located within the City. The City proposes to construct, operate, and maintain ornamental fencing, landscaping, an irrigation system, gateways, seating, enriched paving, environmental education amenities, recreational trails, and a small community greenbelt park in connection with the City's Los Angeles Riverfront Park, Phase II Project (Project).

The Project will provide the community with passive and active public recreational opportunities that are currently lacking in the area. The Project will serve as an important connection segment of the Los Angeles River Greenway that represents an overarching goal of both the City's Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and Los Angeles County's 1996 Los Angeles River Master Plan.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The improvements will enhance river aesthetics and public recreational opportunities in the area, thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

There will be no monetary consideration paid for this Use Agreement since use of the LACFCD's property is for public recreational purposes. The Los Angeles County Flood Control Act provides for LACFCD property to be used for these purposes as long as the public recreational purposes are compatible with the LACFCD's use of the property for flood control, water quality, and water conservation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Parcels 276, et al., are located along portions of the Los Angeles River between Sepulveda Boulevard and Kester Avenue along the south bank, and between Coldwater Canyon and Whitsett Avenue along the south bank, in the City of Los Angeles.

The Use Agreement is for 25 years.

The proposed Use Agreement is authorized pursuant to Section 2, paragraph 14, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This section authorizes the LACFCD "To provide, by agreement with other public agencies... for the recreational use of the lands, facilities, and works of such district, which shall not interfere, or be inconsistent, with the primary use and purpose of such lands, facilities, and works by such district."

The 25-year Use Agreement document will be reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15301, 15303(e), and 15304(b) and (h) of the CEQA guidelines and Classes 1(m), (n), (x)(13); 3(b); and Class 4(c) and (n) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for security fencing, access ramps, installation of sprinkler systems, accessory structures, new gardening or landscaping, and creation of bicycle lanes. The City is the lead agency for this Project, and a Notice of Exemption was prepared by the City and filed with the office of the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk on March 3, 2004.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action allows for the use and enjoyment of the LACFCD's right of way by the public without interfering with the primary mission of the LACFCD.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER

Director

GF:SGS:hp

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office